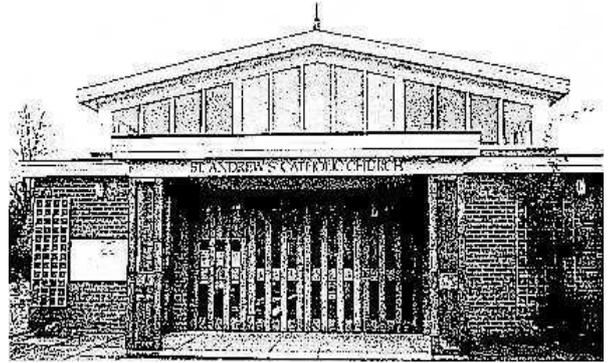

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14th October 2018
28th Sunday of the Year (B)

Message from Deacon Tony

Monday, 15th October is the feast day of St Teresa of Avila. She is quite a notable character for Catholics. Along with St Hildegard of Bingen, St Therese of Lisieux and St Catherine of Siena she is one of only four women doctors of the Church.

Born in Avila, Spain in 1515 her grandfather had been Jewish but was forced to convert to Christianity. Losing her mother at the age of 11 had a profound effect on her faith. Added to this she was sent away to be educated by Augustinian nuns.

At the age of twenty she entered a cloistered Carmelite convent. Therein she was shocked at the lax attitude to prayer and spirituality among the sisters. The convent was almost a high society meeting place where the rich and wealthy would descend to discuss the most frivolous matters. She spoke out against this, making herself very unpopular in the process.

In time, and having moved to another community and with endorsement from the Pope she started a movement within the Carmelite order to return to a more contemplative style. This was not well received by all. She, and her associates were persecuted by the older Carmelite regime but they held hard and shaped the Carmelites to be the order we know today.

Teresa was not shy to speak her mind. She was known to berate her superiors, even as far up as the Pope himself. The most famous occasion happened when travelling by donkey with luggage on a muddy road in the rain, the donkey tipped over and she fell onto the road, everything was covered in mud. She looked to the sky and called out "God, if this is how you treat your friends, no wonder you have so few."

Hailed as an inspiration by women saints who came after her it's interesting to note that Teresa continues to be the second most popular confirmation name among girls after Mary. However, she remains an inspiration to us all.

This Sunday's Readings

Wisdom 7:7-11

Psalms 89

Hebrews 4:12-13

Mark 10:17-30

Compared with wisdom, I held riches as nothing

Fill us with your love that we may rejoice

The word of God can judge secret emotions and thoughts

Go and sell everything you own and follow me

Diary for the Week

Sunday 14th October 28 th Sunday of the Year (B)	6.00pm (Saturday) First Mass of Sunday	Gonsalves Family
	9.30am Mass	Holy Souls
	11.30am Mass	Holy Souls
	5.00pm Rosary	
	5.15 – 5.45pm Exposition and Benediction	
	6.00pm Mass	Parishioners
Monday 15th October <i>St Teresa of Avila</i> <i>Gal 4:22-24, 26-27, 31-5:1; Lk 11:29-32</i>	7.30am Mass	Holy Souls
	10.00am Mass	Holy Souls
	5.45 – 7.15pm Beavers (hall)	
	7.00 - 8.00pm Parish Surgery	
Tuesday 16th October <i>St Hedwig, St Margaret</i> <i>Mary Alacoque</i> <i>Gal 5:1-6</i> <i>Lk 11:37-41</i>	7.30am Mass	Holy Souls
	10.00am Mass	Holy Souls
	6.30pm R.C.I.C. (hall)	
	7.30pm Finance Committee Meeting	
Wednesday 17th October <i>St Ignatius of Antioch</i> <i>Gal 5:18-25</i> <i>Lk 11:42-46</i>	7.30am Mass	Holy Souls
	10.00am Mass	Holy Souls
	2.00pm Active Retirement Group	
	6.00pm Lectio Divina Group (hall)	
Thursday 18th October <i>St Luke</i> <i>2 Tim 4:10-17</i> <i>Lk 10:1-9</i>	7.30am Mass	Holy Souls
	10.00am Mass	Power & Fennelly Families
	7.00 – 8.30pm Cubs (St James the Great)	
	7.30pm Spirituality Talk (hall)	
Friday 19th October <i>Saints John de Brebeuf & Isaac Jogues & Companions, St Paul of the Cross. Eph 1:11-14</i> <i>Lk 12:1-7</i>	7.30am Mass	Holy Souls
	10.00am Funeral Mass	Mrs Joyce Campagnac RIP
Saturday 20th October <i>Feria</i> <i>Eph 1:15-23</i> <i>Lk 12:8-12</i>	9.30am Mass	Holy Souls
	10.00 – 10.30am Confessions	
	10.30 – 4.30pm Youth Ministry Training Day	
	5.00 – 5.30pm Confessions	
	6.00pm First Mass of Sunday	Glenda McGrath RIP
Sunday 21st October 29 th Sunday of the Year (B)	9.30am Mass	Holy Souls
	11.30am Mass	Parishioners
	5.00pm Rosary	
	5.15 – 5.45pm Exposition and Benediction	
	6.00pm Mass	Holy Souls
	7.00 - 9.00pm Charismatic Prayer Group	

Money Matters



Collection Last Sunday	£1,258.73 (£1.25 per person)
Payment by Standing Order	<u>£ 761.00</u>
Total offertory	£2,019.73
Collection for CAFOD Family Fast Day	£1,195.92
Second collection for the Parish Building Maintenance Fund	

Thank you for your generosity

Altar Servers

This week Team 1
Next week Team 2



Church Cleaners

This week Judie's Crew
Next week Fifi's Group

St. Andrew's Parish Notices

ANNUAL MASS COUNT

Thank you to our PPC members who will be counting the numbers,

THE RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS (R.C.I.A.)

Are you interested in becoming a Catholic or just want to learn more about the Catholic faith? If so, the RCIA group is the place for you. Please let the Priests know if you are interested or ring the Parish office and leave your contact details. We meet every Tuesday evening at 7.45pm in the hall.

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF CHILDREN (R.C.I.C.)

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Children (RCIC) will have their third session on Tuesday at 6.30pm on 16th October in the parish hall. This is for children over the age of 7 years who have not been baptised and for those children in year 5 and over who have not made their First Communion. Children must be accompanied by an adult. This is the last session at which new candidates will be accepted for this year.

SECOND COLLECTION THIS WEEKEND

The collection will be for the Parish Building Maintenance Fund. The money raised so far has helped considerably with the long list of jobs that need fixing for the Church, hall and priest's house but we still have a way to go. Thank you for your continued support.

SCOUT GROUP

This year our Scout Group is celebrating 85 Years of scouting! To mark this amazing year we are setting ourselves 85 challenges - some are fun and some are serious but all are about team work and helping others. Over the next few weeks the children in the group are undertaking a sponsored 85 minute silence - all the money raised will go to our 5 charities: The Lily May Alice CAFOD Candlelight Fund, Eden Farm - helping Orphans in Zambia, St Christopher's Candle Project - helping bereaved children in the UK, The Ugandan Maternity and Water Appeal - helping a village in Uganda get running water in their maternity Unit, The Children's Trust - helping children in the UK with brain injuries. As we all know it's hard not to speak for a long period of time as an adult let alone when you are a child! We would be absolutely thrilled if any parishioners would sponsor our remarkable young people. *Please see Ian Carlyle or Sarah Gater at Church Parade this week* or email us at scouts26croydon@hotmail.co.uk. Any little amount can make such a difference to our amazing charities. Thank you so much for your support.

STEWARDSHIP TALKS: THURSDAYS AT 7.30PM IN THE HALL

Please join us for St Andrew's An Encounter with the Lord through Spirituality talks. The talks explore some of the spiritualities of the Church and to encounter the Lord. The talks have been very well attended and are on Thursday evenings in the hall starting at 7.30pm. This week the talk is "The Spirituality of the Desert Fathers and Mothers" with Chris Chapman.

CAFOD

Thank you so much for supporting CAFOD's Family Fast Day. Our parish raised £1,195.92 which will mean more families around the world have what they need to survive and thrive, now and into the future. Thank you to everyone who gave. Your gifts will change lives.

YOUTH MINISTRY

There will be a training day here at St Andrew's for Youth Ministry on Saturday 20th October, 10.30 – 4.30pm. The day is aimed at those who are involved with young people, including Confirmation catechists, youth leaders/volunteers (and those who might be interested in doing so). We will focus on an introduction to youth ministry, resources, safeguarding and of course networking. To reserve a place on the day please email: knorth@scys.org.uk (and please bring a packed lunch with you on the day). We hope to see as many of you as possible, please have a word with Fr Len if you need more info.

KEEPING YOUR BELONGINGS SAFE

We have recently had a couple of incidents where people's belongings might not be safe if you leave them on the floor or on the benches when you go up for Communion. Please can we ask that you always keep your belongings with you at all times to keep them safe.

ANNUAL HARVEST FESTIVAL APPEAL: 27/28 OCTOBER

Once again we are appealing and collecting for both Nightwatch in Croydon, who assist homeless people and also for Croydon Refugee Centre. You have always been very generous so please can we ask if you can give the following items which are needed: cans of soup, tinned fruit, canned milk, long grain rice, pasta, cooking oil, sugar, cornflakes, biscuits, tea, coffee, tinned Meats/fish. Toiletries: shampoo, toothpaste, etc. Donations of money always welcome too. Please bring your gifts to Mass and leave them in front of the Altar. Thank you for your support.

GHANAIAAN COMMUNITY MEETING

The group are meeting on Sunday 21st October after the 11.30am Mass in the hall.

SCHOOL REFERENCE FORMS FOR 2019

If you plan to apply for a school place for a child in 2019 or anytime in the future, you will need to be involved in our new reference scheme which we are introducing at some point in October. This scheme has to be introduced due to the current stressful situation. The plan is once a month to make available at random a form which parents will need to complete and hand back at the Mass that they have just attended. These forms will be on different coloured paper which will change randomly as will the day that these forms are given out. That way come next September Fr Len will have a figure of people's Mass attendance which he can then put on the form. As a Pastoral team we cannot think of a fairer system than this, if you can think of another way please let Fr Len know. We plan to start this registration system sometime in October.

SECOND COLLECTION NEXT WEEK

The second collection next week, 21st October, is for World Mission Sunday. The Holy Father invites all Catholics to contribute to a special collection for Missio, his official charity for overseas mission. Your support on World Mission Sunday will help brave missionaries in building a future of hope both in Ethiopia and all around the world. Please join in this special day that unites Catholics all over the world in prayer, celebration and care for our mission of the Church. You will be able to Gift Aid all donations by using envelopes provided by Missio found in the porch. Thank you.

NOVEMBER PRAYERS FOR THE DECEASED

During the month of November we particularly pray for those who have died. A list of the deceased whose funerals took place here at St Andrew's will be displayed in the front of the Altar. Anyone who has a relative or friend who has died elsewhere in the last year should give in their names and date of death to the office or to one of the Priests and the name will be added to this list.

Holy Souls envelopes are available in the porch for you to place your lists of deceased. These envelopes will be brought up during each Mass in the month of November. On Saturday 24th November at 9.30am we will hold our annual Mass for those who have died in the last year. We will try to invite relatives of those whose funerals took place here in the last year and hope that any parishioner who has had a death in the family in the last year will also come. We hope you will be able to attend.

THE PASSAGE: NIGHT UNDER THE STARS CONCERT: 6TH NOVEMBER

Message from Frances Gilbert: This annual concert is held to raise funds to enable our Catholic charity, The Passage, to help and assist those who are homeless in London. I have a few tickets for sale, £12 each. Held in the Royal Festival Hall at 7.30pm. All proceeds go to The Passage. If interested please phone the Presbytery 020 8684 3013 and leave your details and I will contact you after 17th October.

Quote of the Week

"For prayer is nothing else than being on terms of friendship with God"

St Teresa of Avila

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